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DISTRICT DOINGS

The big news was the Corps annual Awards Ceremony and picnic at Granite City. In spite of dire predictions about rain, it turned out to be a fine day for a picnic, and, according to all reports, a good time was had by all. We hope to see more employees and retirees at next year's festivities.

Meanwhile at the lakes . . .

CANNON

In addition to the usual campfire programs the staff presented many special request programs.

Anne Behrens, Shellie Bassett, Tricia Holdman and Jay Riley presented programs to preschoolers at Monroe City's "Safety Town." These included discussions about snakes, poison ivy, fire safety and getting lost in the woods.

Another safety program was given during "Old Fashioned Days" at Perry, Missouri, by the same dedicated group. Topping off the day was a parade which featured Smokey the Bear who rode in a Corps vehicle, with the help of Anne Behrens and John Cannon.

Through the week of 7 June, over 200 Cub Scouts were hosted daily at the Ray Behrens Recreation Area. Snake programs were presented by Anne Behrens, orienteering by Shellie Bassett, pond study by Tricia Holdman and squirrel box construction by Bobbi Michener.

Steve Austin and Anne Behrens presented a program to the Missouri State Teachers during their Mobile Workshop. Educational opportunities available at Mark Twain Lake were discussed.

John Miller and Ed Berghoff directed a tour of the main dam for 35 persons from Adams County and the Illinois State Highway Department.

Bill Barrow spoke about the Geology of Missouri to 35 teachers who were attending a two-week "Mobile Workshop" sponsored by the Missouri Dept. of Conservation and Northeast Missouri State University at Kirksville, Mo.



REND LAKE

Interpreters at Rend Lake hosted a variety of programs in honor of National Safe Boating Week, June 6th - 12th. Among them were the "Sink or Swim" Film Fest at the Visitor Center, Courtesy Boat Inspections held at various boat ramps, boating safety tips aired throughout the week on 20 local radio stations, and a "Drownproofing" beach program. Highlights of the week were a Boat Safety Clinic co-sponsored with the Illinois Department of Conservation, teaching 128 youngsters the basics of safe boating; a television interview with Park Technician Joan Guilfoyle-Basman on Channel 3, Harrisburg, Illinois; and Park Ranger Lowell Summer's speaking on a WQRL, radio, Benton, Illinois talk show. These programs resulted in excellent exposure of the Corps of Engineers concern for boat safety. Rend Lake park aids gave programs for 482 scouts and school children during June. Topics concerned Water Safety demonstrations and snakes of Illinois.

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CARLYLE LAKE

There was a large scale celebration during the Fourth of July weekend. The Greater Carlyle Business and Professional Association coordinated a fireworks display as part of Liberty Fest '82.

Fishing has been outstanding during June and forecasts for July call for continued success in catching channel catfish and white bass.

Construction has begun on the long awaited storage building in the Maintenance Compound.

Armed Forces Day at the Visitors Center was a grand success. More than 400 people talked to recruiters from the Air Force and Marines, watched the Air Force Color Guard and walked through a UH-4 helicopter brought in by the US Army Reserves.

An Elementary Boat Safety Course was given with the cooperation of the Illinois Department of Conservation. A Mandatory Boat Safety Course for 12 to 17 year olds was presented by Dave Larkin and Chris Cascone. Twenty-three people received certification.

Water safety demonstrations were held at Dam West and Coles Creek beaches. Safety tips and life-saving techniques were presented for all four of these programs.

Dan Sigler and Scott Hoffman conducted their first "Safe Swim Session" this month. The sessions are scheduled over the summer. Dan and Scott are both former life guards and certified in advanced life saving. Dan has also received his water safety instructor certification. The local community has shown great interest in the program.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

The St. Louis District was represented at the St. Louis Business Fair "Discovery '82" (sponsored by RCGA) by an exhibit hosted by Bill Cauble, Joe Bisher, Landon Pate and John Clark.

Gary Dyhouse (ED-HE) gave two lectures to an Interior Flood Control training course held at Davis, California.

Dan Ragland (ED-BA) spoke at three sessions, approximately 90 students, at Bel-Nor Community Day Camp, telling the students all about urban wildlife.

At L&D 26(R) Jimmy Bissell gave a tour and briefing for 20 Alton realtors, and Major Petrina briefed Fred Brown, a reporter doing a story for Illinois Agri-News.

Colonel Dacey spoke at Fort Leonard Wood about the Cannon flood to the S.A.M.E. post, and later appeared at Westborough Country Club telling the Circle Club about "The Army, FY 83 Overview." He also taped a 30 minute interview for KSDK, Channel 5, with Chris Condon, talking about various St. Louis District projects.

A group of Engineer Explorer Scouts from Champaign, Ill. toured Locks and Dams 26, the L&D 26(R) site and Locks 27. Milt Walter did the honors at L&D 26 and L&D 26(R); and Jerome Becker handled the group at Locks 27.

June 21st thru 24th our Hydraulics Branch sponsored an LMVD-wide workshop on Sediment Transport in St. Louis. It was attended by 35 hydraulic personnel. Charles Denzel and Gary Dyhouse gave lectures.

On June 7-11, a course entitled Archaeology for Federal Land Managers was held in St. Louis. Bruce F. Plummer (OD-R) administered the course which was taught by a National Park Service employee. Eighteen personnel from the Savannah, Jacksonville, Vicksburg and St. Louis Districts plus one person from the Federal Highway Department attended this course. The course was designed to provide coverage of all aspects of the Federal Cultural Resource program for our Park Managers and Rangers who are responsible for the overall Cultural Resource program on St. Louis District lakes.

Claude N. Strauser, Potamologist and Acting Chief, Water Data Section, presented a lecture to an Elderhostel at SEMO, Cape Girardeau, Mo., on 24 June 1982. He discussed the history of navigation on the Mississippi River. The Elderhostel (senior citizens) was composed of 70 people from 38 different states. This is the third year that Claude has made a presentation to this group.

INCENTIVE AWARDS SECRETARY

PROMOTIONS:

Christine R. Leffeler, PO-U,
Construction Inspector, GS-809-4

Carolyn S. Jones, DC-FC,
Operating Accountant, GS-510-9

Karon Miller Marzec, ED-BA,
Forester, GS-460-11

Steven W. Johnson, OD-NL,
Lock & Dam Operator, WY-5426-8

James J. Reed, ED-SM,
Supv Civil Engineering Technician,
GS-802-10

Tim Engbring, OD-RJ(M),
Park Technician, GS-026-6

Robert E. Banning, OD-RS,
Plumbing Worker, WG-7

Penny S. Mudd, RO-C,
Civil Engineer Technician, GS-802-7

Maria T. Shafer, OD-RS,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

Stephen W. Summers, OD-RS,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

Leanne Cruitt, OD-RS,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

Kenneth Pierson, OD-RR,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

Donald Brown, OD-RS,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

Dennis Morgan, ED,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-7

Sharon Cotner, ED-BF,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-11

Donald Coleman, ED-H,
Hydraulic Engineer, GS-810-11

Donald Groh, ED-BU,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-11

Sandra Hoelscher, RO-L,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-11

Ida Morris RO-L,
Administrative Aid (Typing) GS-303-5

Robert Kreinheder, RO-L,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-11

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Ronald W. Messerli, OD-F
Stevenson Ellis, OD-NL
Delores Adams, OD-F
Thelma E. Boggiano, ED

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE/ QUALITY STEP INCREASE:

Nancy C. Walsh

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE:

Gary D. Hendrix, RO-L
John J. Jaeger, ED-DA
Edward L. Pelc, ED-HW
Kathleen Ebmeier, SD-C
Thomas Furdek, ED-HQ
Larry C. Roskilly, RO-C
Harold D. Barnhard, OD-PE
Sandor Dombi, ED-DG
Peggy J. Stelzer, OD-N
Loretta De Antoni, CD-C
Norma J. Kosta, PB
Landon P. Pate, SD-P
Patricia A. Fraley, CD-I
Donald J. Ludwig, RO-L
Nancy A. Messerli, OD-N
Billie W. Sanna, OD-NL
Penny S. Mudd, RO-C
Lois King, ED-R
Judy Shoreack, ED-FM

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JAMES ADAMS made a stirring speech before the Second Continental Congress, convened in Independence Hall in 1776. His eloquence turned the tide in favor of adoption of the Declaration of Independence:

"Throughout the thick gloom of the present, I see the brightness of the future, as the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious, an immortal day. When we are in our graves, our children will honor it. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with bonfires, and illuminations. On its annual return, they will shed tears of gratitude and joy."

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SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS:

David Low
\$50.00

Accomplishment of the EEO mission.

The following people shared an award in the amount of \$8645 for the administration of the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers YACC Program in the Operations Division.

Jay Riley	Bill Fauke
Harold Holland	Ronald Harlan
Steve Austin	James Duggins
Gary Camp	William Dunaway
Charles W. Dees	Glen McCabe
Charles W. Linn	Frank Schafer
Brenda L. Wynne	Robert W. Williams
Timothy K. George	Dennis Gathmann
Susan J. Summers	

The following people shared an award in the amount of \$1000 for cooperation and team work effort in the Procurement and Supply Division, Contract Branch.

Cynthia Bartling	Hilda Lindsey
Jean Beausang	Janice Quilty
Covonda Chrismer	Rose Staton
Kathleen Ebmeier	Janet Wilhite
Brenda Lee	Violet Williams

TANGIBLE SUGGESTIONS:

Shirley M. Hamilton of Word Processing received an award of \$53.00 for a suggestion that recommended a rubber stamp be purchased for Finance and Accounting in Office of the Comptroller for lease letter copies that are retained by the Civil Works Section for record keeping purposes. The suggestion was implemented in March of this year with estimated first-year savings in the amount of \$521.

David J. Steger, Property Accounting Section, Finance and Accounting Branch, Office of the Comptroller, is granted an award of \$30.00 for an adopted suggestion that recommended when calculators need to be serviced we turn them in for reconditioned ones instead of having them repaired. Suggestion was implemented 15 Mar 82 with first-year benefits in the amount of \$255.

Frederick T. Norris of Environmental Studies Section, Planning Branch, Engineering Division received an award of \$290 for an adopted suggestion that recommended a mandatory inclusion of age estimation during preparation of Real Estate Survey Reports. The suggestion was implemented 10 May 1982 with first-year savings in the amount of \$2,900.

CHANGES IN USACE:

MG E. R. Heiberg III, formerly Director of Civil Works, Office of the Chief of Engineers, has been named to succeed MG W. R. Wray as Deputy Chief of Engineers and Deputy Commander, effective 1 July. General Wray has retired from active military service. BG Forrest T. Gay III has been named Acting Director of Civil Works. Gay has been serving as the Corp's Deputy Director of Civil Works since June 1981.

MG Ames S. Albro, Jr. has been named as Director of Military Programs. Effective date has not been announced. BG Jerome B. Hilmes has been appointed as acting director, Military Programs, effective 14 June, until General Albro takes over the assignment.

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THE MAN who couldn't sleep asked the doctor: "Is it true that sleeping outdoors will cure insomnia?"

"That's right," the doctor said. "But sleeping indoors will do the same thing."

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LATE NEWS FLASH !!!

The Service Base Centennial Celebration, postponed due to operational requirements, has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 5th.

Details will be forthcoming in a flyer and In-Phone announcements (3-5221). Point of contact for tickets and information is Tiny Bartlett, Room 964, telephone 3-5710.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39180

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

LMVDD

JUN 11 1982

SUBJECT: Realignment Activities

To Employees in the St. Louis and Memphis Districts

1. Adjustments of boundaries between your two Districts about which General Read wrote you last September are approved, after some modification of the original proposal.

2. This is what will happen, effective 1 October 1982:

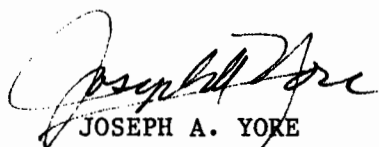
a. The Wappapello Lake Project Office will be transferred to St. Louis District. That District will be responsible for operations and maintenance activities at the lake, although flood control aspects will be closely coordinated with the Memphis District and my office.

b. That portion of the Little River Drainage District presently in the St. Louis District and the area west of the top bank of the Mississippi River and south of the Cape Girardeau city limits will be transferred to Memphis District.

3. Memphis District will retain the Mississippi River levees between Birds Point and Commerce, MO, and the St. Francis Basin-Little River Headwater Diversion levees. Both had been considered for transfer. The St. Louis District will continue to have responsibility for all work in that area below the top bank of the Mississippi River as well as for the Southeast Missouri Port Study.

4. Those employees assigned to the Wappapello Lake Project Office will not have to relocate but will simply be administratively transferred to the St. Louis District.

5. I want to thank each employee who has been involved in the studies which led to these decisions, and I solicit your continued cooperation in bringing about an orderly and effective transfer.


JOSEPH A. YORE
Colonel, CE
Acting Commander

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Hail and Farewell is a trite but fitting phrase as applied to our District Engineer, Colonel (P) Robert J. Dacey.

HAIL, in the congratulatory sense, because the White House submitted COL Dacey's nomination for promotion to Brigadier General to Congress. The official announcement was made to the staff on June 21st.

FAREWELL, because Col. Dacey's departure in mid-August has been confirmed.

His next assignment will be as Resource Management Officer in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

CHANGE OF COMMAND



Colonel Gary D. Beech

All District employees (except for essential operating personnel) are invited to attend SLD's first official change of command ceremony.

The banner of command will pass to Colonel Gary D. Beech (about whom the next Information Bulletin will have more to say).

The ceremony is to be held on Thursday, August the 12th, at 1:30 p.m. The place is The Cedars, St. Raymond's Church, 939 Lebanon Street (one block south of Chouteau).

A coffee and cake reception is planned, following the ceremony.

A Farewell Dinner for Colonel (P) Dacey has been scheduled for Friday, August 6th, at the Airport Marriot Hotel. Tickets with a choice of entree, are available at \$10 each.

Ticket sales are being handled by Irene Smugala and Marianne Schmitt in Construction Division. They may be contacted by phone at 263-5037 or in-person in Room 1012. Make checks payable to William O. Cauble. Early reservations are encouraged.



Colonel (P) Robert J. Dacey

FAREWELL DINNER

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

The Missing Linx

While most of the new services we offer in the library are immediately seen or utilized by our users some are "behind-the-scenes" innovations. One such innovation, which we have just implemented this month, is a new automated system for checking in our periodicals and managing our entire periodical/serials function. Online, we can now begin new subscriptions, renew old ones, and have our missing issues automatically claimed at the publisher. This system called Linx, developed and sold by F. W. Faxon Co., our periodical subscription agent, is a much improved method of dealing with this time-consuming, yet necessary, function of the library. Ultimately, we expect the benefits of this system will reach you, the user, by improving our response time and freeing us to have more time to assist you with your reference and research questions. Sometimes those "behind-the-scenes" productions are just as important as those performed "on stage."

Women On the Fast Track

A training course, Women on the Fast Track, which some district employees have taken, is now available on cassette tape for loan from the library. This course is usually presented in a one-day seminar and is leadership development for women in business, government and the professions. Its goal is to help increase the participant's authority, visibility and risk-taking potential.

Database Announcements

Be on the lookout for announcements describing new databases available through Dialog Information Services. Many new, useful and exciting databases are becoming available each month that can benefit all of us. Some of the more recent ones added are the following: Dun's Market Identifiers (Dun & Bradstreet); Career Placement Directory, Student; Career Placement Directory, Experienced; Electric Power Research Institute; Adtrack; Book Review Index; Electronic Yellow Pages - Wholesalers Directory; Electronic Yellow Pages - Professionals Directory. For more information on the content of these databases or how to access them, stop by the library in room 944 or call us at 5675. If you are interested in a demonstration of Dialog just let us know and we will come to your office for a presentation.

KATHY HAYES, Librarian

TRAVEL

Academic education is a vital, basic foundation for any young person starting out in life. But very often, the catalyst that puts it all into perspective is travel.

A Job Overseas, or at Home — Seeing the world has always been a part of life in the Army, and that's more true today than ever. The Army offers assignments in Europe, Korea, Panama, Alaska, Hawaii, and a lot of interesting, exciting places in the continental United States, too.

It's Not All Work — Of course, the Army is no vacation. As in any demanding, challenging profession, work comes first. But there's free time, too—up to 30 days earned vacation a year, to explore new places, enjoy local customs, and get to know the people, right where they live.

Travel can enrich lives, and for many the Army could be the chance of a lifetime to see the world.

DATES FOR EIT and PE EXAMINATIONS

Closing dates for applying to the above exams are as follows:

Exam	Closing Date
PE Examination	2 Aug 82
EIT Examination	13 Sep 82

Address for applications is:

Missouri State Board of Architects,
Engineers and Land Surveyors
P. O. Box 184
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Telephone: (314) 751-2334

Refresher courses for both of the above examinations will be conducted by the University of Missouri-Rolla on the UMSL campus, 8001 Natural Bridge Road. Interested employees should request registration forms from Joe Williams on the UMSL campus - 553-5961. Refresher course fee for the EIT is \$275 (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 14 Sep - 21 Oct 82); for the PE the fee is \$350 (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 16 Sep - 21 Oct 82). Tuition assistance by the Government for the refresher courses is **not** authorized.



CORPS PICNIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Low Net:

- 1st Place — Lee Lenzner — 32
- 2nd Place — Ron Messerli — 33
- 3rd Place — Dave Harley — 34

Low Gross:

Ron Messerli — 37

High Gross:

Darrel Phillips - 89

RETIREMENT

Dorothy L. Thomas, (AS-W) is retiring July 30th after 32 years of government service. The retirement party will be July 30 in Room 1040 at 2:00 p.m. All of her friends are invited to have cake and coffee and wish her farewell.

FOR SALE

World's Fair 2-Day Pass
4 each..... Total: \$60.00
Call Mary, 3-5541

EEO

NEW FEDERAL HIRING SYSTEM TO BEGIN BY SUMMER

The federal government will start a new hiring system within four to six weeks that will allow federal agencies to choose entry level professional employees without the use of tests. The new system comes in the wake of the official abolishment of the Professional

and Administration Career Examination, agreed to in a consent decree. Organizations representing minorities had argued that PACE was "culturally biased" and discriminatory. OPM data showed that since 1974, 58% of the whites, 87% of Hispanics, and 95% of blacks had failed the exam.

Under the new system, GS-5 and GS-7 professional and administrative career (PAC) positions will be filled mostly from internal mobility and displaced employee programs, said Donald J. Devine, Director, Office of Personnel Management. "Internal hiring and transfers will benefit minorities, since they are represented in greater numbers in the federal workforce than in the general population. These methods will also serve the affirmative action goal of providing for upward mobility of minorities," said OPM. Since many RIFed employees are minorities and women, using displaced employee programs to fill vacancies will also serve EEO goals, OPM added.

Outside hiring for PAC positions will be allowed under Schedule B authority, usually used to hire summer employees, lawyers, some teachers and others for whom testing is not used. The new outside appointments will be allowed under the PAC Outstanding Scholar Program, the PAC Bilingual/Bicultural Program, the Federal Junior Fellowship Program, and other direct hire arrangements which can be negotiated between OPM and individual agencies.

"We will not be selecting individuals by means of the best merit-hiring procedures," said Devine, "and for this reason, we are not giving direct appointment to the competitive system. Nevertheless, this is the very best available solution, given the very tight constraints imposed by the decree," which was approved by US Judge Joyce Green.

During their one-year probation period, employees hired under Schedule B will not be entitled to normal federal protections, such as an appeals right for layoffs. However, they will be eligible for promotion to competitive positions at higher grades, either through tests or performance evaluations and will receive civil service salaries and benefits from the first day of work. Those who wish to, can remain in Schedule B throughout their careers. Proposed regulations on the new system will be published in the Federal Register. "Merit selection is wounded, but not dead," added Devine who said he would work to develop other hiring systems.

Source: Fair Employment Report, 24 May 82

SUMMER SAFETY HINTS

KEEPING COOL

A portable electric fan can help you breeze through the summer heat waves. But be sure your fan has been approved by Underwriters Laboratories.

Underwriters also recommends these safe practices:

- 1) Place the fan and cord out of the general traffic pattern on a stable, level surface.
- 2) Don't use a fan near open flames or where combustibles could be blown toward a heat source, such as near the kitchen stove.
- 3) Fans are out of place in bathrooms or other damp areas. You could get a hefty electrical shock.
- 4) Don't try to move or start a fan in the dark.
- 5) Watch children closely and make sure they're not playing around or near a running fan.
- 6) Follow the manufacturer's safety and operating instructions.

THE STING

One million Americans are so allergic to hornet, wasp, yellow jacket, or honeybee venom that one sting can be fatal. Allergists warn that many potential victims don't even know they're allergic.

Allergic reactions to insect bites include:

Itchy red welts, especially some distance from the sting itself;

Throat constriction or difficulty breathing after being stung;

Sudden nausea, vomiting, stomach pain or fainting after a sting.

If you have ever had such reactions to a bee sting, or ever do, consult a doctor, who can prescribe a kit to carry with you. The medications in a kit will help you limit the reaction from a sting until you can get medical help.



KNOW BEFORE YOU MOW

The rotary lawnmower is probably the most dangerous piece of machinery around your house. The knife-edged blades can reach speeds up to 200 mph, and can hurl objects as far as 50 ft.

The most common accidents with rotary mowers involve contact with the blade, leading to lacerations and amputations, and objects being propelled through the discharge chute or from under the housing. These home-grown missiles often injure bystanders.

Here are some tips to keep your lawn neat and your extremities intact this summer.

- Before mowing, read the owner's manual, and pay particular attention to safety recommendations. Clear the lawn of sticks, stones, toys, and anything else that might be flung by the blade.
- Wear sturdy shoes with rough soles. Never go barefoot or wear cloth shoes or sandals.
- Start the mower on level ground where you have firm footing. Mow parallel to slope. Never pull the mower toward you—always push it.
- Always turn off the mower and disconnect the spark plug wire before unclogging the machine or adjusting it.
- Never refill the gas tank while the motor is still hot.





ACCIDENT SUMMARY

JUNE 1982

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR JUNE 1982: None

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1982: One

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1981: One

PERSONAL INJURIES – CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES – JUNE 1982: One

Total accidents for CY 1982: Three

A contractor's employee at Lock and Dam No. 26(R) was injured when he stepped on a loose rock and twisted his knee.

Total accidents for CY 1981: Four

PERSONAL INJURIES – GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES – JUNE 1982: None

Total accidents for CY 1982: Three

Total accidents for CY 1981: Nineteen

LAKE FATALITIES FOR JUNE 1982: Three

Total lake fatalities for CY 1982: Three

Carlyle Lake – 2

Lake Shelbyville – 1

A 19 year old woman drowned near the Keyesport Recreation Area, Carlyle Lake, when she swam away from friends and disappeared.

A 52 year old man was killed when his boat was struck by another boat near the Findlay Bridge, Lake Shelbyville, Illinois.

A 35 year old male drowned at Dam West Recreation Area, Carlyle Lake, while racing with a companion.

Total lake fatalities for CY 1981: Six

Carlyle Lake – 4

Lake Shelbyville – 1

Rend Lake – 1

